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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the work relating to laying of optical fibre cable in Delhi for improving the basic telephone service is likely to be completed and the expenditure likely to be incurred on it; and

(b) the details about the benefit to the common customers on account of it?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) In MTNL, Delhi as on date all the Junction (Inter exchange) Network is on Optical Fibre cables. To improve the services to customers, MTNL has also laid OFC in Access Network. Most of the localities have already been covered with OFC. However, to expand and provide better services to customers, opening of new Telephone Exchanges is a continuous process for which laying of OFC is always required.

Likely expenditure to be incurred for this year is Rs. 60 crores and for next year Rs. 120 crores.

(b) 1. Subscribers getting better services.
2. Call completion rate is high.
3. High Band width is provided to subscribers on demand.